

1996 Lightning Fatalities

Lightning caused 52 fatalities in 1996, down 33 from 1995. This figure is somewhat lower than the 30-year average, which is 83 lightning fatalities annually. Florida again had the highest number of lightning deaths with 10; Texas totaled 6. Of the 52 fatalities, 23 (44%) occurred in the open. Three times as many males than females died from lightning. Most of the fatalities occurred between the ages of 10 and 39 (71%).

1996 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	3	10
IA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
KY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
OK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TX	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	6
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	5	0	1	2	2	1	10	23	0	8	52
PERCENT	10	0	2	4	4	2	19	44	0	15	100

1996 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	1	0	1	2
10 TO 19	7	5	0	12	23
20 TO 29	0	11	0	11	21
30 TO 39	2	12	0	14	27
40 TO 49	0	5	0	5	10
50 TO 59	0	2	0	2	4
60 TO 69	0	2	0	2	4
70 TO 79	1	0	0	1	2
80 TO 89	1	0	0	1	2
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	1	1	1	3	6
TOTALS	12	39	1	52	101*
PERCENT	23	75	2	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
BO - Boat
CA - Camping
EQ - Nr Hvy Equipment
GF - Golf
IW - In Water
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
TE - At Telephone
UT - Under Tree